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For: METHOD OF LOADING TENDONS
INTO THE KNEE

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE

Please amend the title to read as follows:

METHOD OF LOADING TENDONS INTO THE KNEE